

## CLAIMS

That which is claimed:

1. A method, comprising:
  - receiving a primary term representing a first concept to be added to a network of interrelated concepts;
  - receiving at least one related term associated with the primary term;
  - receiving at least one relationship between the first concept and a second concept;
  - receiving a strength value associated with the relationship; and
  - adding the first concept to the network.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
  - receiving a user request to create the first concept; and
  - causing a display of a concept view.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving information defining a part of speech of the first concept.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the relationship can be hierarchical or lateral.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the relationship is selected from one of the following: kind of, has kind, part of, has part, member of, has member, substance of, has substance, product of, and has product.
6. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving information defining a frequency of the primary term.
7. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving information defining a likelihood that the primary term and the related terms imply the first concept.
8. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving information defining a breadth of the first concept.
9. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving information that the first concept is offensive.
10. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving user data.
11. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving context information.
12. A method, comprising:  
  
receiving a request to edit a first concept in a network of interrelated concepts;

causing a display of the first concept;  
receiving at least one relationship between the first concept and a second concept;  
receiving a strength value associated with the relationship; and  
updating the first concept in the network.

13. The method of claim 12, further comprising receiving an edited strength value for an existing relationship between the first concept and another concept.

14. The method of claim 12, further comprising receiving an edited relationship for an existing relationship between the first concept and another concept.

15. The method of claim 12, wherein the relationship can be hierarchical or lateral.

16. The method of claim 12, wherein the relationship is selected from one of the following: kind of, has kind, part of, has part, member of, has member, substance of, has substance, product of, and has product.

17. The method of claim 12, further comprising receiving information editing a frequency of the primary term.

18. The method of claim 12, further comprising receiving information editing a likelihood that a primary term and related terms imply the first concept.

19. The method of claim 12, further comprising receiving information editing a breadth of the first concept.

20. A computer-readable medium containing program code, comprising:  
program code for receiving a primary term representing a first concept to be added to a network of interrelated concepts;  
program code for receiving at least one related term associated with the primary term;  
program code for receiving at least one relationship between the first concept and a second concept;  
program code for receiving a strength value associated with the relationship;  
and  
program code for adding the first concept to the network.

21. The computer-readable medium of claim 20, further comprising:  
program code for receiving a user request to create the first concept; and  
program code for causing a display of a concept view.

22. The computer-readable medium of claim 20, further comprising program code for receiving information defining a part of speech of the first concept.

23. The computer-readable medium of claim 20, wherein the relationship can be hierarchical or lateral.

24. The computer-readable medium of claim 20, wherein the relationship is selected from one of the following: kind of, has kind, part of, has part, member of, has member, substance of, has substance, product of, and has product.

25. The computer-readable medium of claim 20, further comprising program code for receiving information defining a frequency of the primary term.

26. The computer-readable medium of claim 20, further comprising program code for receiving information defining a likelihood that the primary term and the related terms imply the first concept.

27. The computer-readable medium of claim 20, further comprising program code for receiving information defining a breadth of the first concept.

28. The computer-readable medium of claim 20, further comprising program code for receiving information that the first concept is offensive.

29. The computer-readable medium of claim 20, further comprising program code for receiving user data.

30. The computer-readable medium of claim 20, further comprising program code for receiving refinition information.

31. A computer-readable medium containing program code, comprising:  
program code for receiving a request to edit a first concept in a network of interrelated concepts;  
program code for causing a display of the first concept;  
program code for receiving a request to add at least one relationship between the first concept and a second concept;  
program code for receiving a strength value associated with the relationship;  
and  
program code for updating the first concept in the network.

32. The computer-readable medium of claim 31, further comprising program code for receiving an edited strength value for an existing relationship between the first concept and another concept.

33. The computer-readable medium of claim 31, further comprising program code for receiving an edited relationship for an existing relationship between the first concept and another concept.

34. The computer-readable medium of claim 31, wherein the relationship can be hierarchical or lateral.

35. The computer-readable medium of claim 31, wherein the relationship is selected from one of the following: kind of, has kind, part of, has part, member of, has member, substance of, has substance, product of, and has product.

36. The computer-readable medium of claim 31, further comprising program code for receiving information editing a frequency of the primary term.

37. The computer-readable medium of claim 31, further comprising program code for receiving information editing a likelihood that a primary term and related terms imply the first concept.

38. The computer-readable medium of claim 31, further comprising program code for receiving information editing a breadth of the first concept.